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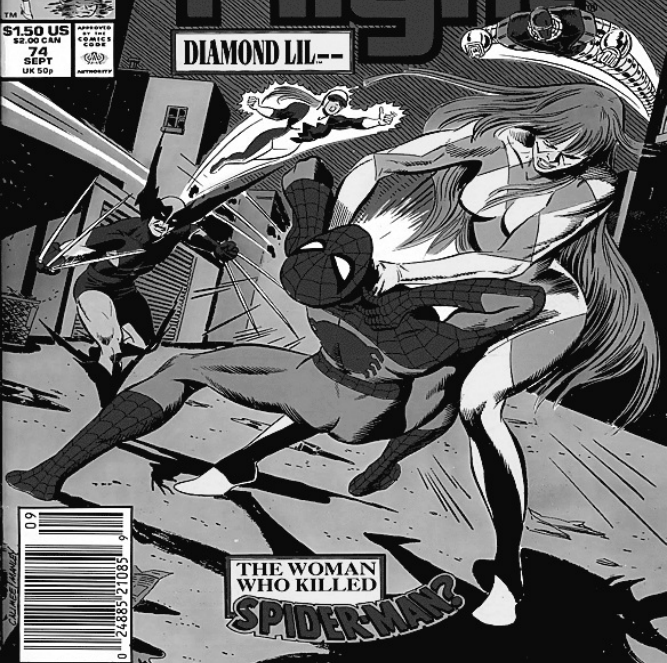


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DIAMOND LIL™



THE WOMAN
WHO KILLED

SPIDER-MAN?





"-- I KILLED HIM --
I CAN'T BELIEVE --

"-- NOT HIM --
NOT HIM --



"-- I DIDN'T HAVE
A CHOICE --

"-- NOT AFTER WHAT
HE SAID HE WAS
GOING TO DO TO ME --

"-- I JUST
SNAPPED -- I
COULDN'T TAKE
IT ANYMORE --



"-- BUT I CAN'T
BELIEVE I
ACTUALLY DID
IT --

"-- I KILLED
A LEGEND --



"-- ME --
DIAMOND
LIL --

"-- THE WOMAN
WHO KILLED
SPIDER-MAN. "



"PRETTY SOON THE
OTHERS WILL COME
AFTER ME."

"THERE'S NO TELLING
WHO IT'LL BE."

"IT MIGHT BE THOR--
MIGHT BE CAPTAIN
AMERICA."

"IT MIGHT EVEN
BE THE X-MEN."

"IF I DON'T GET OUT
OF HERE SOON,
THEY'LL KILL ME."

**DARK
REFLECTIONS**



"THE BEST WAY OUT OF HERE IS OVER THE ROOFTOPS."

"IF I GET TO THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE, I'M HOME FREE."



"GETTING THERE'S GOING TO BE THE PROBLEM. EVERY SUPER HERO IN NEW YORK IS OUT TO GET ME."

"WHY DID I HAVE TO HELP MADISON? I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS IF ONLY I -- NO, GET REAL, LIL --"



"I DIDN'T KNOW HOW POWERFUL THE ENEMY WAS."

"I DIDN'T KNOW THE SORCERER COULD TELEPORT US TO ANOTHER DIMENSION."

"HOW COULD I?"



"WE FOUGHT THE SORCERER AND LOST."

"WE HAD TO FIND OUR WAY HOME THROUGH WORLD 6 AFTER WORLD."

"WHEN WE FINALLY GOT HERE, WE THOUGHT WE WERE SAFE."



"UNTIL TALISMAN SHOWED US THE NEWSPAPER SHE FOUND."



"ADVENTURES ARE LIKE CLIMBING OUT OF A HOLE. A HOLE YOU'VE FALLEN INTO, DEEP AND DARK."



"IT'S ONE LONG STRUGGLE BUT YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE END. THE END MIGHT BE FATAL."

"IT ALL STARTED WITH VINDICATOR ASKING TALISMAN A QUESTION..."

IS THE SORCERER BEHIND ALL THIS? HOW COULD WE HAVE BEEN AWAY SO LONG?

TIME MOVES FASTER IN SOME DIMENSIONS. IT'S POSSIBLE WE MISSED SIX YEARS...



BUT... NO...



THERE'S SOMETHING WRONGS HERE. SOMETHING...



...I CAN'T FEEL THE NEXT DIMENSIONAL RIFT, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS PLACE.

ALL RIGHT, BUT WE'LL USE OUR CODE NAMES UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.

THE BEST THING WE CAN DO IS RETURN TO CANADA. IF THIS REALLY IS OUR WORLD, WE MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME.



I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A LOWER PROFILE.

BECING SASQUATCH MAKES ME HUNGRY AND I'M STARVING!



WHY DON'T I FIND A SCRAPPARD WHILE YOU FOLKS GET SOMETHING TO EAT?

I'LL GET SOME METAL AND TRANSMUTE THIS SUIT INTO A PLANE THAT'LL TAKE US HOME.



OKAY, BOY. THERE'S A COFFEE SHOP ACROSS THE STREET. WE'LL MEET YOU THERE.

"THAT'S WHEN MADISON LEFT US."

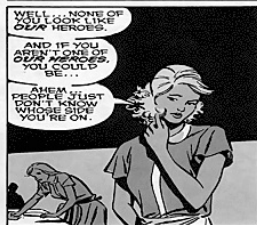
"IT WASN'T UNTIL LATER THAT WE FOUND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM."





"WHEN WE CAME OUT OF THE ALLEY, EVERYONE STOPPED AND STARED AT US."





"JAMES McDONALD HUDSON, AKA GUARDIAN, WAS HEATHER'S HUSBAND."

"HE DIED A WHILE BACK AFTER FIGHTING SOMEONE I WORKED FOR."

"THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD STILL BE ALIVE."

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HIS COSTUME LOOKS A LOT LIKE YOURS. I NEVER HEARD HE QUIT, THOUGH.

I MEAN, HIS WIFE IS STILL ACTIVE IN THE GROUP, DID SHE COME WITH YOU?

HIS WIFE...?

YOU KNOW... AURORA!

HOW COULD YOU BE IN ALPHA FLIGHT AND NOT KNOW THAT AURORA IS MARRIED TO GUARDIAN??

UH... HEATHER.

I THINK WE'LL ORDER NOW.

"WE WERE DEEP IN THE HOLE THEN, WE HADN'T BEGUN OUR CLIMB."

"WE WERE ONLY JUST BEGINNING TO REALIZE HOW FAR WE HAD FALLEN."

"MADISON WAS THE FIRST TO TRY AND ESCAPE."

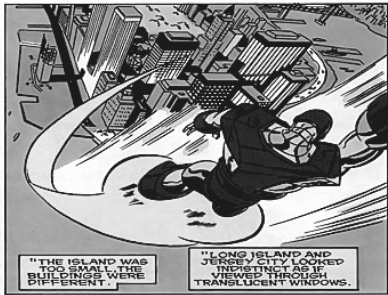
"HE HAD JUST LEFT
US IN THE ALLEY."

"BELOW HIM,
MANHATTAN
STRETCHED OUT
LIKE A CONCRETE
ANT FARM.
EVERYTHING
LOOKED WRONG."



"THE ISLAND WAS
TOO SMALL. THE
BUILDINGS WERE
DIFFERENT."

"LONG ISLAND AND
JERSEY CITY LOOKED
INDISTINCT AS IF
VIEWED THROUGH
TRANSLUCENT WINDOWS."



"THEN HE
STRUCK THE
BARRIER--"



"SWITCHING TO VISUAL.
HE COULDN'T TELL IT
WAS MAN-SHAPED AND
COMING IN FAST."



"HIS SENSORS
TOLD HIM THERE
WAS NOTHING
THERE."



"HIS RADAR
WARNED HIM
OF AN
APPROACHING
OBJECT."

"HE SWITCHED TO
NORMAL VISION."



"HOURS PASSED"

"WE STARED AT OUR EMPTY PLATES WHILE THE SKY GREW DARK AND THE STREET LIGHTS CAME ON."

"EVERYONE WAS WORRIED ABOUT MADISON."



"WHERE IS HE? HE SHOULD HAVE COME BACK BY NOW!"

"MAYBE THEY CAN TELL US."



"IN CAME THE VISION, WONDER MAN AND THE SHE-HULK. HEAVY-WEIGHTS FROM THE AVENGERS."

"THE CUSTOMERS SEEMED AFRAID OF THEM, BUT TRIED NOT TO SHOW IT."

"HEATHER TRIED THE FRIENDLY APPROACH."

"HELLO! I'M VINDICATOR AND WE'RE--"



"YOU ARE UNREGISTERED PARAHUMANS!"

"YOU WILL QUIETLY ACCOMPANY US TO THE VAN OUTSIDE OR WE WILL HAVE TO USE DEADLY FORCE!"



"I WANTED TO FIGHT, BUT HEATHER TOLD US TO FOLLOW."

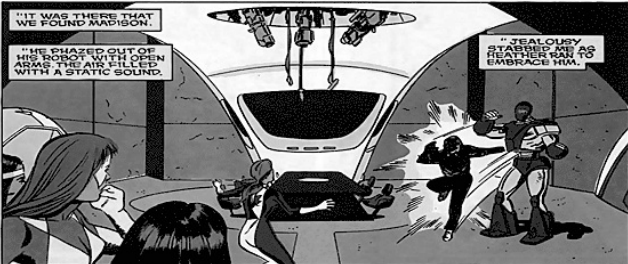
"SHE FELT IT WAS THE BEST WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON."

"SHE HULK SAT IN THE BACK WITH US AND DIDN'T SAY A WORD. ALL SHE DID WAS GIVE US ANGRY STARES."



"IT WAS THERE THAT WE FOUND MADISON."

"HE PHAZED OUT OF HIS ROBOT WITH OPEN ARMS. THE AIR FILLED WITH A STATIC SOUND."



"JEALOUSY STABBED ME AS HEATHER RAN TO EMBRACE HIM."

"HE TOLD US ABOUT THE INVISIBLE BARRIER AND HOW IRON MAN SHOWED UP READY FOR A FIGHT."

"MADISON WAS ORDERED TO LAND AT THE BUILDING. HE WAS PLACED IN THE ROOM WITHOUT EXPLANATION."

"HE WANTED TO BREAK OUT. HE WANTED TO FIND US. HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS HAPPENING."



"WE WERE ALL IN THE DARK..."

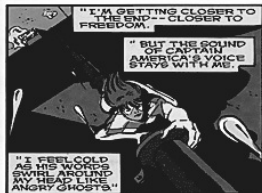
"MINUTES LATER, WE FOUND OURSELVES IN AN UNDERGROUND GARAGE."

"WE HAD NO IDEA WHERE WE WERE. THEY JUST TOLD US TO WALK DOWN A HALL WAY TO A ROOM AT THE END."



"... BUT LIGHT WAS ABOUT TO BE SHED."





"I'M GETTING CLOSER TO THE END -- CLOSER TO FREEDOM."

"BUT THE SOUND OF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S VOICE STAYS WITH ME."

"I FEEL COLD AS HIS WORDS SWIRL AROUND MY HEAD LIKE ANGRY GHOSTS."



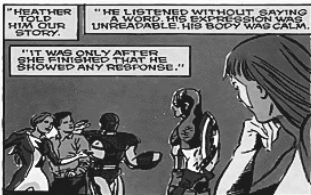
PLEASE SIT DOWN.



WHAT IS THIS? I THOUGHT AMERICA WAS A FREE COUNTRY!"

WHY ARE WE HERE?

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW.



"HEATHER TOLD HIM OUR STORY."

"HE LISTENED WITHOUT SAYING A WORD. HIS EXPRESSION WAS UNREADABLE. HIS BODY WAS CALM."

"IT WAS ONLY AFTER SHE FINISHED THAT HE SHOWED ANY RESPONSE."



YOUR STORY IS FLAWED, SO IT MUST BE A LIE.

THE WAITRESS IN THAT COFFEE SHOP GAVE US YOUR NAMES. WE CHECKED YOU OUT.

ALPHA FLIGHT'S NEVER HEARD OF YOU. THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF YOU EVER EXISTING.

SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK. YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.

WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT IF YOU'RE REAL OR AGENTS OF THE ENEMY."



"HE STARTED TO TALK ABOUT THE SUMMER OF 1990. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM GET EMOTIONAL."

"AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF THIS I BEGAN TO WISH HE WOULD GO BACK TO HIS OLD, POKER-FACED SELF."

"BUT HE KEPT RANTING ON AND ON..."



"IN 1990, DR. DOOM FORMED A SECRET ALLIANCE WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SUPER CRIMINALS."

"THEY MANAGED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION IN JUST UNDER 48 HOURS."

"IN A WEEK'S TIME, THEY HAD THE EASTERN BLOC UNDER THEIR CONTROL."



"THAT PUT THE ENTIRE SOVIET NUCLEAR ARSENAL IN THEIR HANDS."



"THEY USED THE THREAT OF WAR TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WEST TO KEEP THEIR SUPER HEROES AT BAY."

"IN 1992, REED RICHARDS WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

"THE NATION HAD BECOME AFRAID OF WHAT WAS NOW KNOWN AS THE EASTERN ALLIANCE."



"THE VOTERS FELT THE SUPER HEROES WERE THE PERFECT LEADERS TO KEEP THE NATION STRONG."

"IN CANADA, GUARDIAN WAS ELEVATED PRIME MINISTER."



"BUT GUARDIAN IS..."



"AND CAPTAIN BRITAIN NOW RUNS THE COMMON MARKET, WHICH NOW RULES ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA."

"HE RANTED ON, TALKING ABOUT THE COVERT OPERATIONS THEY USED AGAINST THE EASTERN ALLIANCE."



"SUE RICHARDS, NIGHTCRAWLER, THE FALCON, THE WASP AND DAREDEVIL WERE JUST A FEW OF THE HEROES WHO DIED IN THESE FAILED COUP ATTEMPTS."

"AND THEN HE BEGAN TO YELL HE STARTED SCREAMING ABOUT THE METHODS THEY'VE USED TO MAKE AMERICA STRONG!"

"THE HEROES BEGAN TO ROUND UP ANYONE WHO EVEN LOOKED SUSPICIOUS AND MADE THEM DISAPPEAR."



"ANYONE EVER ACCUSED OF ANYTHING EVEN ~~REALLY~~ CRIMINAL WAS ERADICATED FOR THE 'GOOD OF THE COUNTRY.'"

"I LOOKED OVER AT SHAMAN AND SAW HIM REACHING FOR HIS MAGIC BAG."

"INSIDE HIS HAND WOULD EXTEND INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION, A PLACE THAT BRISTLED WITH WEAPONS OF POWER."



"MADISON WAS STARING AT HIS ROBOT, ANXIOUS TO GET INSIDE."

"EVERYONE WAS AS TENSE AS STORM CLOUDS. THE THUNDER WAS ABOUT TO START."



SO THAT'S THE STATE OF OUR WORLD.

IF YOU REALLY ARE FROM THE EAST, WE CAN USE YOU IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST THE OPPRESSORS IN THE EAST.

AND IF YOU'RE NOT...



WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU!













"THE REAL FIGHT
WAS ONLY JUST
BEGINNING."



"ROGUE CAME
DOWN AND
SWEEPED ME
INTO THE
AIR BEFORE
I HAD
TIME TO
THINK --"

NA NA
NA NA



"DOWN BELOW,
ALPHA FLIGHT
FOUGHT FOR
THEIR LIVES."

"I COULDN'T
HELP THEM.
SHE HAD ME
COLD."

"LESS THAN A SECOND
LATER, THE BATTLE WAS
LOST IN THE DARKNESS."



SURPRISE, SUGAR! I'M
INVULNERABLE.
JUST LIKE
YOU!

LET
ME
GO!



WHY SURE,
DARLIN'! GLAD
TO OBLIGE!



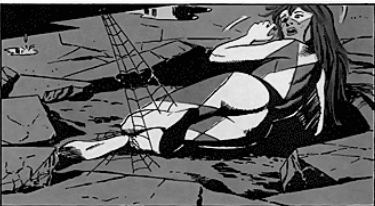
HAPPY
LANDINGS!



"I HAVE A BIO-AURA THAT MAKES ME INVULNERABLE--BUT PAIN IS ONE THING I CAN'T ESCAPE."



"EVERY PART OF ME HURT. I *STILL* HURT FROM THAT FALL."



"THAT'S WHEN *WE* DECIDED TO DROP IN."



BULLETPEN BULLETINS

ITEM: We've always said that comics weren't just for kids, and it looks like the rest of the world is finally catching on. The latest comic to the Marvel message is none other than MTV, the super-popular all-music cable station. Already they run reports regarding **DAMAGE CONTROL**, **Tania Janowitz's** cameo appearance in **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #144**, and **Epic's AKIRA** and **STRAY TOASTERS**. We're really excited about this and feel we should do everything we can to encourage such good works. You might want to either write or call the swell folks at MTV and tell 'em to keep the

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Assistant Editor on: Special projects like the Marvel press posters, movie and TV adaptations, including **IRON MAN**, **JONES** AND **THE LAST CRUSADE**, **WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT?**, the X-MEN cartoon graphic novel, the **Punisher** movie, **A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET**. Custom comics, toy tie-ins and anything that isn't a regular monthly comic.

Marvel freelance credits (present): Writer on the **DAMAGE CONTROL** Limited Series; the **DEATH-LOK** Bookshelf Limited Series; a **CAPTAIN MARVEL** serial for **SOLO AVENGERS**; a **SHE-HULK** Graphic Novel; a **GIANT MAN** serial for **Marvel Comics Presents**; and the upcoming **MORTON DOWNEY JR.** black-and-white comic (you think I'm kidding, don't you?).

My hobbies are: Physics, reading, scowling, pushing my luck, spiraling into depression, guarding and losing unusual jobs, sneaking past the "Guardian Angels" who won't let me into my apartment building (and what's the deal with those hats they wear? Are they supposed to be members of the Racon Lodge, or what?), watching movies, whining.

The single work which I am most proud of is: All things considered, pretty disappointing.

My pet peeves are: Dead.

My place of birth is: Detroit, Michigan.

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Really quite impressive. Remind me to tell you about it sometime.

My oddest habit is: Approved by the Comics Code Authority.

CHECKLIST

MARVELOUS MAGS ON SALE RIGHT NOW!

- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #356
- ☐ DAREDEVIL #269
- ☐ SEMPER PAR #9
- ☐ WEST COAST AVENGERS #47
- ☐ G.I. JOE SPECIAL MISSIONS #24
- ☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #53
- ☐ MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #25
- ☐ EXCALIBUR #11
- ☐ SENSATIONAL SHE-HULK #5
- ☐ G.I. JOE EUROPEAN MISSIONS #11
- ☐ THE NTH MAN #1—John Doe is the incredible NTH MAN—the ultimate warrior! And only he can stop World War III! Written by LARRY HAMA, penciled by RON WAGNER, inked by FRED FREDERICKS.
- ☐ SOLO AVENGERS #21
- ☐ ALF #18
- ☐ THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #318—Wait till you see the all new SCORPION! Written by DAVID MICHELINIE and illustrated by TODD McFARLANE.
- ☐ GROOT THE WANDERER #54
- ☐ HEATHCLIFF #36
- ☐ THE NEW MUTANTS #78
- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #73

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Big news, gang! Remember NBC-TV's recent Hulk show which guest-starred Mighty Thor? Well, it was such a big hit that they're planning to do a lot more of them; and get this, each new Hulk special will co-star a different mighty Marvel super hero! I wanted to make a contest out of it, wanted to ask you to guess who our next TV star would be, but this news is too exciting to hold back. The next Hulk special will co-star—are you ready for this?—none other than Daredevil, everyone's favorite man without fear!

And here's something even more exciting! If the show is as big a smash as we expect it to be, the network's spin off Hornhead off into his own series.

Marvel Comics coverage continued! So let's all lift our heads, face front, and shout "I want my MTV!" just as loudly as "Make Mine Marvel!"

ITEM: If you needed even more evidence that mighty Marvel was taking over the world, allow us to fill you in on our latest venture in the ever-thriving computer games field. Marvel is teaming up with Paragon Software to produce the first in a series of fast-paced, interactive comic-arcade adventures called "Spider-Man and Captain America in Dr. Doom's Revenge." The best part is that there's an

That means you'll be seeing DD regularly, week after week, and the tube'll never be the same again!

Hey, speaking of TV, how's this for a dynamic disclosure? Over at CBS, we're also working on a pilot film for a new series starring Marvel's very own Master of the Mystic Arts, and we don't mean leaving Professor X out of the picture; the dazzling powers of Dr. Strange will soon be bedeviling and bewitching you!

No, no! No need to thank me. Try to restrain those warm, emotional tears of gratitude! You know our slogan—nothing's too good for the hallowed hordes of Marveldom Assembled! And that means you, the Master of the Faith! *Stan*

actual Marvel comic packed in with each game! This collector's item issue is scripted by Dapper Danny Fingert and penciled by Rip-Roar! Rich Buckler, and sports a totally excellent cover by John Romita Jr.'s pop! The version for IBM PC and compatibles ships in March, while the Commodore 64 version is scheduled for a June release. Don't say we didn't warn you!

ITEM: Congratulations to Al and Judy Milgrom on the birth of their third child, Benjamin. Hmmm ... Ben MILGROM ... Ben GRIMM ... Nahhh!



If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Albert Brooks, or was that Avery Brooks?

The reason I got into comics was: So I could hit Wolverine in the face with a pie. People who knew me in high school thought I was: Probably just joking.

My favorite performers are: Miles Davis, Richard Pryor, Robin Williams, Billie Holiday, Oscar Peterson, Ornette Coleman, Katherine Hepburn, Peter O'Toole, George Clinton, the Brothers Brothers, Return to Forever and the Foreign Theater.

The last good book I read was: *Satan: His Psychotherapy and Cure by the Unfortunate Dr. Kessler, J.S.P.S.* by Jeremy Levin. I'm in the middle of *Tip O'Neil's Man of the House* and it's good, too. The last good movie I saw was: *Another Woman*. ... Well, I lied it.

The biggest influences on my work include: Ralph Elstner, Paddy Chayefsky, Woody Allen, Fran Leibowitz, Toni Morrison, Robert Altman, Preston Sturges, Harold Ramis and the Lee Brothers, Sam and Spike.

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To write *THE FANTASTIC FOUR*. The worst part of my job is: Telling people what I do for a living and listening to them tell me, "Really? I just love Superman."

When nobody's looking I like to: That's none of your business. Besides, all us kids do it. It didn't stunt my growth, either. The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: That deep down, I'm every bit as terrifying as I look.

the final issue of the Limited Series, **DAMAGE CONTROL** tries to repair Professor Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters. But things get a bit, well, sticky! Written by DWAYNE McDUFFIE, penciled by ERNIE COLON, inked by BOB WIAKE.

- ☐ G.I. JOE #89
- ☐ PUNISHER #22
- ☐ SILVER SURFER #26
- ☐ UNCANNY X-MEN #247—An X-Man dies as the team tries to stop NIMROD! Written by CHRIS CLAREMONT, penciled by MARK SILVESTRI, inked by DAN GREEN.
- ☐ MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #26

MARVEL MAGAZINES

- ☐ THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #162

MARVEL BOOKSHELF

- ☐ NICK FURY vs. S.H.I.E.L.D. Trade Paperback—The acclaimed Limited Series collected into one stunning volume! NICK FURY is marked for murder by S.H.I.E.L.D.! Written by BOB HARRIS, penciled by PAUL NEARY, inked by KIM DEMLINGER, new cover by BOB LAFKIN.

- ☐ THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK TO THE MARVEL UNIVERSE UPDATE Limited Series #2—From CHANCE to EXCALIBUR, the history, powers and all-new illustrations of your favorite heroes and villains!
- ☐ ST. GEORGE #7
- ☐ WOLVERINE #10
- ☐ THE INCREDIBLE HULK #226—The first chapter in the "Atlantis Attacks" saga!
- ☐ THE WAR LIMITED Series #3
- ☐ MARVEL AGE MAGAZINE #77—Special preview of the new NICK FURY vs. S.H.I.E.L.D. series, plus more information on all the titles listed here!
- ☐ THE INCREDIBLE HULK #258
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #226
- ☐ AVENGERS #306—Cover-to-cover action as CAPTAIN AMERICA, THOR, SHE-HULK, QUASAR, BLACK PANTHER, GILGAMESH, SUB-MARINER, and the WEST COAST AVENGERS battle for their lives against an army of LAVA MEN! Written by JOHN BYRNE, penciled by PAUL FRYAN, inked by TOM PALMER.
- ☐ CONAN THE BARBARIAN #221
- ☐ DAMAGE CONTROL (Limited Series) #4—In







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ADDRESS PRINTED.



Dear Carl,

Ah, dear and lovely Purple Girl. How I wish I could wrap my hands around her neck and slowly crush the life out of her. What's going to be next in the Purple family? Purple boy? Purple baby? Purple dog? Please end this mystery and give her a slow, lingering and painful death. It would not only alleviate my hatred, but at the same time would end the name problem.

Anyway, I really enjoyed the Dreamqueen Saga. No offense, but it's been a long time since A.F. has been this exciting. The only problem I have with it is that it could have been spread over six issues instead of four. The story seemed a bit rushed at times, as you tried to accomplish too much too quickly.

I'm still looking forward to the return of Northstar. You guys have gotta bring him back! If you think he's got an attitude problem, what about Vindicator? She's more full of herself than Northstar was. Sure, there are times when characters shouldn't come back, but THIS ISN'T ONE OF THEM! If you bring back Northstar, I'll bet 50 cents that sales would go up. Just something for you to muse on.

Vic Wiebe III
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Well, Vic... Purple Girl is gone from the Flight, but she will be returning in a new, upcoming storyline that concerns the return of some former Alphas who we think you'll be glad to see. She's no longer going to be called Purple Girl. Alpha Flight reader John J. McCoil, Jr. wins the name contest with his moniker: PERSUASION. Wingling its way to him is a batch of ESPERS, soon to become an Epic comic called INTERFACE.

Dear James,

Just finished reading part four of the Wrath of the Dreamqueen Saga in issue #70, and I have to say that this saga, which started with such a bang, ended with a dull "thud." I don't know if the creative team was rushed for time but both the art and the story have gone steadily downhill. Part of the decline has to be the team's direction. Or rather, their lack of direction. How about giving this book a sense of purpose, a real direction that both the Alphas and the readers can sink their teeth into!

When is this book going to be on par with the rest of the Marvel Universe?

Reading ALPHA FLIGHT would give one the opinion that they are the only super team in the entire world! They do co-exist with the rest of the Marvel Universe, you know! The introduction of the Sorcerer next issue looks interesting, but I know that once again the chances of teaming Alpha Flight with Dr. Strange will be blown. The Alphas act like they have exclusive rights on mystics and no others exist.

Why not introduce mainstream Marvel characters into this group? Have an ex-Avenger hang out with the Alphas for a while and show them what it's like to be involved with a real team! Some changes need to be made in this book soon or this long-time reader may just become another former reader!

Charles Novinskie
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You want changes? You want more mainstream Marvel characters? Boy, are you in for it! Not only will Dr. Strange be appearing in the book soon, but a lot of other Marvel characters. As for direction, Alpha Flight is going to be occupied with stopping the Sorcerer, who will be making Canada a very nasty place to be in the coming months.

Dear Carl, Marc, and Company,

I liked the Dreamqueen four-parter. Hudnall's plotting was impressive. Another storyline. I also thought China Force were nice additions and hope to see them again.

I did not like the art. Calimée's work was too basic. No pizzazz. Besides, didn't the house ad say "Haynes," or were you just talking about your underwear?

Michael Garner
Long Beach, CA

Glad you liked the storyline, Michael. But we think the art team of Calimée and Manley are going to shake, rattle and roll the comics world. Keep your eyes peeled.

Dear Alpha Flight,

I am twelve years old. It is hard to believe that I didn't like comic books a few months ago. It was this way until my brother's girlfriend (Lauren) told me that there was a comic book I would like, so I agreed to try it. The first issue I read was ALPHA FLIGHT #63. I didn't understand it at all. I decided to give it

a second try so maybe I would understand it better. After I read a few more issues I LOVED IT! After a week I had many of the issues, but I couldn't stop there. To this day I am only missing five issues of ALPHA FLIGHT. I know all the characters' names (new and old) by heart. I would tell them to you, but if you are a true fan you would already know them.

All the ALPHA FLIGHTS I have ever read have been great. It is hard to believe that ALPHA FLIGHT has gotten better after the new format. I didn't think you could get any better. Oh yes, I forgot to tell you that I have a button with Sasquatch's picture on it. As you can see, ALPHA FLIGHT is my favorite comic book. Even if it isn't as popular as the X-MEN or SPIDER-MAN.

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Glad you like the book, Hilary. We're sure you'll like the stories to come.

Dear Alpha,

Guess what? You're not going to believe this, but I'm not going to complain at all about this book. I love it. I love everything about it. This book doesn't need the old members. I never liked Puck, he was always depressed. Northstar was a jerk. Aurora was a [rhymes with "witch"]. I never realized how much I liked Shaman or Talisman. The Dreamqueen story was completely awesome. For one reason: the Dreamqueen herself. She was Freddy Krueger with a sex change. Bring her back in a hurry. One more thing, the Sorcerer looks like one, mean-bean villain. Until next time, Quack Quack.

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Most of the original Alphas will return to this book in one form or another. Some will be on the sidelines and some will play an active role. At least one character pronounced dead will return when you least expect it. Mooool

Well, that's all for now, people. Keep in touch and don't let the Dreamqueens bite.

— James D. Hudnall



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